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As someone who uses computers casually, but frequently.. As someone who is not a part of the business world, but is surrounded by, and fervently watches the events around her, with this case, and is thusly intimately affected by it.. I must state my utter disappointment in the ability of Microsoft to squeeze by our justice system with its money and lobbying.

This is a company which fixes polls (See ZDNet), and lies whenever it can to further its own means. This is a company with such a hold on the desktop market that it can dictate what tools the masses use to do every computer related function of the average business world, from what programs they use to make spreadsheets, view the Internet, and even what games they play, increasingly so.

What's good for Microsoft is not what's good for America, contrary to the similar view regarding GM in the not so distant past.

I implore those who read this one E-Mail to hear my voice, and ensure that Microsoft not only plays by the rules, period, but that the rules are truly deserving for a company which so blatantly violated the computer industry, and the trust of millions, without most people _even knowing it_. A company so disgustingly adept at snow jobbing the world, whether its through fixed polls or outright lying denials, that its fooling us into selling control of more and more of our own lives to it.

A corporation should never hold this much sway over the lives of our fair nation, period. That should be in the realm of our government, our justice department, and I hope that its stronger than this!

Please, do your best to make Microsoft fair, before the Europeans prove we can be bought out corruption, money, and lies. We all win when we have a choice. We all win when have freedom beyond the will of one vicious corporation. Please, hear my words, and take them into account, as a loyal citizen of our nation, that I have been injured by Microsoft, and demand that they be accordingly treated as the criminals they've been proven to be!

~ Tanya Ruppell, New Jersey Resident.